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Councilor Marilyn Richards
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Dear Councilor Richards,

I am writing to you to ask if there is anything that can be done about the speeding on Day Ave. I have put this off for a very long time but now I think I have to speak to you about it. Cars are going from the stop sign at Bates/North Street to Day Avenue and going from Bridge Street to the stop sign at Day/Bates Street. They are literally speeding. It's like someone shot a gun off to see how fast he or she could get to the corner of Bridge or Bates Street.

I cannot tell you how many squirrels have lost their life on this street as well as possums (very slow travelers) and other wildlife. The worst is to hear the motors gunning down the road.

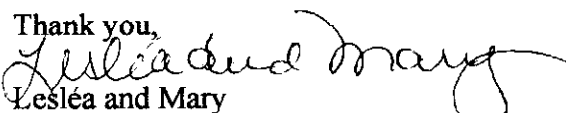
Also I have noticed that more 18-wheelers are coming down the street to go to the Industrial Park. My fantasy is to have speed bumps put on Day Ave. but I know that cannot happen. Do you think it would be possible for either the speed limit on this street to be put lower or to have the police monitor this street more often or post a speed limit?

We had an accident on this street a few months ago at around 2:00 AM. caused by an intoxicated driver that was speeding down the street and hit a parked car in front of my house.

Is there a way to stop the speeding on this street? Most of the speeding seems to be in the evening hours. If I need a petition from the neighborhood, it would not be problem to get one because we are pretty much in agreement that Day Ave. has become the speedway of Ward 3.

On Wednesday when the rain was relentless my spouse and I went outside to clear out the drain. The street was flooded because of debris collecting on the sewer drains. The cars would not slow down: they plowed through the water and caused waves that actually hit our porch. We are at 44-Day Avenue.

My phone number is 586-2473. If there were anything you could do to help us with this traffic situation, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Lesléa and Mary

cc: Councilor David Narkewicz, Traffic & Trans. Committee